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THE RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION

MISSION: To promote the interests and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Riverside community.

»» FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Riverside Association President for the past two years. All the Board members, with whom I have been lucky enough to serve, care deeply about this special part of Town. They volunteered countless hours to make Riverside an even better place to live.

The Riverside Association accomplished a number of things this year, most of which stemmed from emails or letters received from concerned residents. When we heard from multiple residents that the Riverside Train Station Bridge was pitch black at night, we worked with Town officials to acquire lights for the bridge. After hearing from a frustrated resident that Metro North refused to fix a shrill-squeaking rail on the tracks, we connected him with our state senator and representatives who helped him resolve this issue. We aim to respond to each email/letter we receive, guiding residents toward a solution to their problem.

Please consider giving us your email address on the form in this newsletter if you have not already done so. A couple times each month, we send out an email to our distribution list with information specific to Riverside residents.

I'd like to thank the community at large for reaching out to us with many valuable comments and suggestions. I sincerely believe that by working together we can positively impact this wonderful community in which we live. --Jennifer Boone

2009 RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Acquired lights for the Riverside Train Station bridge
- ✓ Built a garden at Ada's Variety Shop
- ✓ Opposed the cell phone tower at North Mianus School
- ✓ Sponsored Selectmen's Debate at Eastern Middle School
- ✓ Sent multiple "community alert" emails to our 400+ name list
- ✓ Opposed the Class B Airspace law change
- ✓ Successfully lobbied to remove the designation of the area near the Riverside Train Station as a TNR Mixed Use Site (residential/business/industrial) in the 2009 Plan of Conservation and Development
- ✓ Collected resumes from volunteers to help in Town Hall
- ✓ Met with Greenwich Civic Center Committee members to offer support for the rebuilding effort of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

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THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED TIME AND EFFORT:

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ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

7:30 pm Coffee

8:00 pm Meeting

Selleck Hall,

St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

200 Riverside Avenue

Guest Speakers:

Fred Camillo,
State Representative

L. Scott Frantz,
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State Representative

Stephen Walko,
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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? OBSERVATIONS?

Please attend our Annual Meeting and voice your concerns about issues of interest to our community. Not only can you propose future projects for the Riverside Association, but our meetings are regularly attended by our local elected officials who use them as a direct point of contact with the citizenry.

Come and be heard.

name _____

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E-mail addresses will only be used to correspond with members. E-mail addresses will not be used for any other purpose or given to others without express written permission.

comments: _____

Enclosed is: ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 Other \$ _____

Please detach and mail to:

Treasurer, The Riverside Association, P.O. Box 25, Riverside, CT 06878

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center Update

For four years, a group of Greenwich residents have met with local officials, exploring options for a new Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. Incorporated as the non-profit Greenwich Civic Center Committee (GCCC), their vision is to create a true community center with broad appeal to residents and organizations.

In June 2009, GCCC met with Town officials to update them on their efforts. In August, they received the unanimous endorsement and encouragement of the Board of Selectmen.

At this time, they are ready to conduct a new survey of residents to find out exactly which amenities people desire in a community center. They hope to raise the funds to complete a pre-design of the facility. Upon completion of the pre-design phase, the GCCC will hold a series of public forums at which alternative designs for the new facility will be presented. The Riverside Association will continue to meet with members of the GCCC and offer assistance where needed.

Garden for Ada's Variety Shop

Last year a small group of people from the Riverside Association helped to design and build a garden next to Ada's Variety Shop, a well-known landmark in our community. Since Ada Cantavero, the much beloved owner, died in June 2008, her nephew, Kelly Romaniello, along with the able assistance of other family members Kevin and Teresa, has worked valiantly to keep the store alive and serve their customers. When Kelly spoke to several of us and expressed a desire to build a garden in Ada's honor, our Association responded quickly. A basic plan for a low-maintenance garden filled with perennials was approved by Kelly and, during the next few months, neighbors donated a variety of bulbs and plants to get it started. The Association chipped in with a grant to buy daffodils and Kelly donated a beautiful hand-carved stone bench to complete the setting.

Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)

Each month, a member of the Riverside Association attends a CAPP meeting to communicate Riverside community concerns to the police and to acquire information relevant to our neighborhood. Monthly CAPP meetings are held for the purpose of discussing pertinent community issues such as the Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), pedestrian safety, crime trends, leaf accumulation on roadways, underage drinking and substance abuse, vandalism, storm coverage and response by the Greenwich Police Department (GPD), and recent community policing initiatives such as Triad. In the new Triad program, the GPD works with senior groups to aid them in keeping seniors safe from identity theft, scams and schemes. Please look for the CAPP Tip of the Week in the *Greenwich Time* for helpful information from the GPD. If you have concerns that you would like communicated at a CAPP meeting, please email the Riverside Association.

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www.riversideassociation.org

or email us...

riverside.association@yahoo.com

The First Selectman's Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee has finished its Sidewalk Report. It will be accessible in early February on the Town website, www.greenwichct.org, as well as in all Town libraries.

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